गरीबों को आधी कीमत पर राशन प्रदान करने संबंधी योजना

114. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:
श्री सुशील कुमार सम्भाजीराव शिन्दे:
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा:
श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार:
श्री पराग चालिहा:

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार गरीबों को आधी कीमत पर राशन प्रदान करने की प्रक्रिया तय करने के बाद इस योजना को लागू करने पर गंभीरता से विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राशन दुकान द्वारा कौन-कौन सी वस्तुऐं प्रति किलोग्राम कितनी-कितनी दर पर प्रदान की जाएंगी और सरकार द्वारा इस योजना से लाभान्वित होने वाले लोगों की पहचान करने हेतु क्या मापदण्ड अपनाया गया है तथा इस योजना को कब तक क्रियान्वित किया जाएगा; और

(ग) गरीबों को आधी कीमत पर राशन प्रदान करने में सरकार पर प्रतिवर्ष कितना अतिरिक्त वित्तीय भार पड़ेगा तथा सरकार इसकी भरपाई किस प्रकार करेगी?

खाद्य मंत्री और नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) लक्षित सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की तहत गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के परिवारों को प्रति माह सामान्य मूल्य के लगभग आधे मूल्य पर 10 कि०ग्रा० खाद्यान्न अर्थात् गेहूं और चावल मुहैया कराया जाएगा।

गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के परिवारों की पहचान करने के लिए स्वर्गीय प्रो० लाकडावाला की अध्यक्षता में गठित विशेषज्ञ दल के तरीके/मानदण्ड को अपनाया जाएगा। राज्य सरकारों को इस संबंध में तत्काल कार्रवाई करने और गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के परिवारों को विशेष कार्ड जारी करना सुनिश्चित करने को कहा गया है। गरीबी रेखा से नीचे वशर करने वाली आबादी को विशेष राज सहायता प्राप्त मूल्यों पर खाद्यान्न वास्तव में तभी जारी किए जाएंगे जब राज्य गरीबी रेखा से नीचे रहने वाली आबादी की पहचान कर लेगी और उन्हें खाद्यान्न जारी करने के लिए संतोषजनक प्रबंध कर लेंगे।

(ग) गरीबों को राज सहायता प्राप्त मूल्यों पर राशन मुहैया कराने के परिणामस्वरूप सरकार पर पड़ने वाले अतिरिक्त वित्तीय भार की मात्रा सरकार द्वारा समय-समय पर निर्धारित केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्यों पर निर्भर होगी।

Depriving the Poor Families of Orissa from the Banefits of RPDS

115. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than one million families below poverty line in Orissa are being deprived of the benefits of food security under the targeted revised public distribution scheme as reported in the Economic Times dated 8th January, 1997; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to rectify the statistical data and help the deprived lot to get the benefits of RPDS?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No., Sir. According to estimates based on methodology adopted by the Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Late Prof. Lakdawala, an estimated 160.60 lakh persons below the poverty line in Orissa will be covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System scheme. Thus, about 48.56% of the total population of Orissa will be benefited under the new scheme.

PDS Benefits to Families Below Poverty Line

116. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for providing 10 kgs. of foodgrains per family per month

under the Public Distribution System at half the normal prices to the families below the poverty line has been approved by the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the functioning of PDS in rural areas is very poor in majority of the States and moreover, the 10 kgs. of foodgrains offered is very small quantity compared to their monthly needs; and

(d) if so, how the genuine rural poor people are expected to benefit by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Public Distribution System (PDS) is proposed to be streamlined on the following lines:—

(i) All families living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) shall be provided with 10 kgs. of foodgrains per month per family at about half the CIP.

(ii) Identification of population below poverty line shall be taken up by State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of provisional estimates of below poverty line population worked out by the Planning Commission for 1993-94 adopting the methodology of the Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Late Prof. Lakdawala.

(iii) The issue of foodgrains for non-poor shall, however, continue on the basis of average annual lifting of foodgrains by the States/UTs for the last 10 years at the normal central issue price (CIP).

(iv) The State Governments/UT Administrations will have to ensure fool-proof identification of poor, delivery of foodgrains to Fair Price Shops (FPSs) for distribution to the poor in a transparent and accurate manner.

(v) Specially subsidised foodgrains may be issue to all beneficiaries under the Employment Assurance Scheme(EAS)/Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) at the rate of one kg. per man day.

(c) and (d) PDS is implemented under the Joint responsibility of Central and State Governments. Operational aspects including coverage of rural areas are within the administrative jurisdiction of State Governments/UT Administrations. As regard the quantum of foodgrains for distribution to the BPL families this depends on the procurement of food-grains and as per present indications, it is not possible to provide more than 10 kgs. per BPL family. It is also proposed to extend the scheme to the beneficiaries under the EAS/JRY Schemes by issuing 1 kg. of foodgrain per man day. The poorest of the poor can take advantage of this.

UF's Rice Scheme

117. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a scheme known as the UF's Rice Scheme from the last Republic Day;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether the scheme is to be implemented in phases and in which States the scheme has been started?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the scheme for streamlining the public distribution system (PDS) with focus on the poor.